

MASONIC RECEPTION

Andrew Jackson Lodge Pays De-served Honor to Grand Master Henry K. Field in Reception and Banquet Last Evening.

Some two hundred or more members of the Masonic fraternity were in attendance at the reception and banquet given last evening by Andrew Jackson Lodge in honor of Most Worthy Henry K. Field, Grand Master of Masons in Virginia. Following the called communication at the lodge rooms in the Masonic Temple the members of the lodge and their guests proceeded to the Young People's Building on Washington street where the reception and banquet was held.

Worshipful Master Walter S. Nicklin presided as toastmaster and the invocation was pronounced by the Rev. Edgar Carpenter, chaplain. In the absence of Representative Patton Harrison, of Mississippi, who was unable to be present, the toast "A Welcome from the Sunny South," was most fittingly responded to by the Rev. Dr. E. V. Regester, pastor of the Methodist Church South, of this city. Representative John F. Miller, of St. John's Lodge, Seattle, Washington, brought "greetings from the far west," in an interesting response upon that topic, while "loyalty and love from the brethren of the grand jurisdiction of the District of Columbia," was the subject of remarks by Most Worshipful James W. Witten, grand Master of Washington. "The power of personality," responded to by the Rev. Harry M. Canter, of Cassia Lodge of Woodstock, Va., and another toast to the ladies by Worshipful Master William H. Charles, of the Alexandria-Washington Lodge, brought forth entertaining speeches from those gentlemen. Grand Master Field gave a brief but sincere and earnest response to the toast "The Grand Lodge of Virginia." Each of the speakers were very happy in their remarks and were listened to with sincere pleasure by all who were so fortunate as to be in attendance.

Included in the literary and musical portion of the program was a vocal trio by Mrs. Thomas Hulfish, Mrs. Harry B. Caton and Mrs. Charles E. Outcalt; recitation by Miss Harriet Pollard; vocal duet by Mrs. Thomas Hulfish and Mr. M. L. Dinwiddie, Scotch dialect songs by Mr. Alexander McIntosh; and instrumental selections by Miss Ruth F. Geflacher.

The banquet was very creditably served by the ladies of Martha Washington Chapter, Order of Eastern Star. The menu of which appears herewith:

Clam Chowder	Virginia Style
Olives	Pickles
Potato Salad	Salted Almonds
Mints	Butter
Reception Rolls	Cakes
Ice Cream	Coffee
Cigars	

W. M. Priest will have for sale a barrel of small smoked hams at 25 cents a pound, on Friday and Saturday, May 4th and 5th, 300 north Patrick street.

Notice to our Patrons.

We the undersigned, barbers of Alexandria find it absolutely necessary to change our prices on shaving to fifteen cents. We beg to say to our friends that we are about the last in the state or states to be forced into changing our price. We regret the necessity, but the high cost of living, and shop supplies forces us against our wishes, to take this step. For the past year every article we use has advanced far beyond the original price.

This change will take effect, Monday May 7th, 1917.

We will also close at seven o'clock, except Saturdays.

Signed: M. B. Shifflet, F. L. Plitt, C. W. Valentine, A. L. Humphries, J. Seigel, A. L. Tancil, J. R. Howard, S. B. Ross, F. E. Jackson, H. P. Tancil & Son 104-5t. Alexandria, Va. May 1, 1917

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LIST OF DO'S AND DON'TS

Seasonable Advice Given Back Yard Farmers by Maryland Board of Agriculture

Any practical observations for the benefit of amateur gardeners should prove acceptable at this time. Many persons in Alexandria will attempt to grow garden truck this summer, and it would be well for those who have had no practical experience in this calling to heed suggestions made by others who have made the matter a study.

The Maryland State Board of Agriculture has issued a list of "do's" and "don'ts" for amateur gardeners and backyard farmers. One of the most important "don'ts" is that it is useless to plant potatoes in small areas, for they just won't grow.

In the list of things to do is the advice to grow all the beans one can and that if you have a farmer friend to talk with him before you do anything. In issuing the lists the board said:

"The wonderful patriotism shown by our people, the willingness to sacrifice their gardens, lawns, etc., for the purpose of growing vegetables, might lead to much loss if the soil and other conditions are not fit to grow them. If unfit, not only is labor lost, but also the seed and fertilizer. Sunshine and fertility of the soil are necessary for the growth of plant life. Therefore, let us suggest what to do and what not to do:

Do not plant or sow vegetables under trees.

Do not plant or sow vegetables in the shade of tall buildings.

Do not plant in sour soil.

Do not plant potatoes in small areas; they require much room to develop.

Do not attempt to grow corn or potatoes in a back yard.

Do not spread fertilizer, but sow in rows.

Do not buy cheap seed.

Do not plant in wet soil.

Do not plant in low lands.

What to Do.

Grow small vegetables in the back yard, such as beans, tomatoes, turnips, beets, carrots, lettuce, cabbage, onions, etc.

If your garden is shaded help to cultivate some other garden.

If you have a farmer friend or a friend in the suburbs volunteer to help cultivate his garden.

Grow all the beans you can.

Submit a sample of your soil to some one who knows.

Use lime to sweeten sour soil.

Plant in straight lines.

"The above has been especially prepared by an acknowledged authority on plant life and is well worth the study of all who intend to add their mite."

MUCH FARM LAND IDLE.

Secretary Lane Says 240,000,000 Acres Are Open to Settlement.

Those who do not fight can best serve their country by farming, according to Secretary of the Interior Lane.

While forty millions of our people in the cities are complaining of the high cost of living, 240,000,000 acres of unallotted public land in the West await the coming of the farmer and the herdsman, and millions of acres of fine farmlands in the East lie idle.

The Secretary warns that this nation is facing actual famine and declares that it needs men to plow as well as men to shoot.

Police Court Notes.

A fine of fifty dollars was imposed upon George Suthard by Police Justice Caton this morning for assault. Richard Dolman, of Harrisonburg, was fined \$5 for being drunk on the street, and John Hopkins, colored, who was also before his honor, was informed that six months of hard labor on the roads would be his portion if he was found drunk or loitering on the streets and was brought into court again.

Real Estate Transfer.

A deed conveying a lot on the west side of Washington street, between Church and South streets, opposite St. Mary's Catholic cemetery, from Miss Margaret V. Smith to Rt. Rev. D. J. O'Connell, bishop of the diocese of Richmond, was placed on file in the office of the Corporation clerk today.

Alexandria City and Suburbs

Miss Harriet Bolling Douglas has returned from a visit to Mrs. Joseph Estes, at her home in Richmond.

Mr. George Brent, of Altoona, Pa., who spent the week-end with his father, Mr. Samuel G. Brent, at his home in north Columbus street, is visiting friends in Harrisonburg.

Gordon Thomas, formerly of Alexandria, and a son of the late Mr. Robert J. Thomas, and Mrs. Ella Dixon Thomas, died last night after a long illness at Emergency Hospital, in Washington, D. C. The deceased was a nephew of Miss Fanny Dixon, of this city, and was unmarried. Funeral services will be held in Louisville, Kentucky, on Friday, and interment will be in Cave Hill Cemetery.

The Opera House was filled with the audience called out last night to hear Lieutenant S. F. Bryan of the Mayflower who spoke in the interest of navy recruiting. Representative Carlin also delivered an address. Mayor Fisher presided. The band from the Mayflower and a Hawaiian orchestra discoursed music during the evening.

Miss Helen Norris Cummings attended the Maryland State Federation of Women's Clubs held in Baltimore last week and was the guest of the state president, Mrs. Francis Sanderson. On Wednesday evening Miss Cummings was a guest at a dinner given by Mrs. Miller, a prominent member of the Federation, at her home in Baltimore, and among other guests were the Governor of Maryland, and commissioner of education of the District of Columbia, Philander P. Claxton.

WOMEN'S CLUBS.

General Federation Notes Regarding Matters of Interest to Women all Over the Land.

At the council meeting held in New Orleans in April the following methods of active patriotic service were adopted and are to be sent out to club women all over the country:

A special committee is to be appointed and known as the Emergency Service Committee, the group of state corresponding to the divisions given in the directory of Red Cross chapters, Northeastern, Southern, Atlantic, Mountain, Central and Pacific.

Registration cards will be prepared, headed, "General Federation of Women's Clubs Emergency Service Registration." Two great objects are in view, first, to be of utmost service in the time of need; second, to keep alive the sense of law and order that must rebuild society when the tumult of war is past.

Eleven departments of work are to be arranged, Art, Civics, Civil Service, Conservation, Education, Home Economics, Legislature, Industrial and Social Conditions, Music, Literature and Library Extension and Public Health.

The conservation department has to deal with the preservation and intelligent use of raw material; under music comes the study of American National Music, public school singing of national and patriotic songs, teaching people to stand during national anthem, etc. Legislation will teach us to encourage local police by expressing confidence in them; to demand equal pay for equal work when women take the places formerly filled by men, etc.

Literature extension and art include the making of scrap book collections of stories, essays, jokes and pictures for the use of military camps and convalescent hospitals.

These are only a few of the objects in view, but one of the most important resolutions passed was an appeal to our government to take the initiative in the passage of National Prohibition, thereby saving the enormous amount of grain now wasted in the manufacture of liquors, and conserving the physical strength and moral force of our nation.

The women realize that war is upon us; that their sons and husbands are to be called to the defense of our country, and that our women must work and suffer.

The famous Velati carnels will be on sale at the musicale tomorrow night for the benefit of the new hospital.

Mrs. Harry Chapman left during the past week for Eddystone, Pa., to join her husband, who has made his home in that place for some time.

Mrs. Landon R. Mason, of Richmond, is the guest of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Burke, at their home in Rosemont.

The Rev. C. M. Compher, of the First Church, Washington, will conduct the prayer meeting at 7:45 o'clock tonight in the Methodist Protestant Church.

There will be a silver offering tea held at the residence of Mrs. Charles E. Outcalt, in George Washington Park, Friday afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock, for the benefit of a room in the new hospital. All are invited and gentlemen will also receive a cordial welcome.

The sessions of the National Congress of Mothers and the Parent-Teachers Association that have been held for the past ten days in the ballroom of the Raleigh, Washington, ended last night with a dinner in that hotel. Among the speakers was Mrs. Kate Waller Barrett.

Passengers aboard the Norfolk and Washington steamer Northland in the lower Potomac River late Monday night, were thrown into a near panic when the sound of a gunshot resounded through the decks of the big vessel. Scarcely clad passengers came rushing from their staterooms. Their fears, however, were speedily quieted by the officer of the steamer who assured them that the noise was occasioned by some fisherman in a small boat on the river shooting snipe.

NEW PEACE PROPOSAL

Generally Believed That Austria Has Forced the Movement of Chancellor von Bethmann Hollweg.

London, May 2.—After a week pregnant with rumors of peace overtures, the news that Germany will make a new offer on Thursday when Chancellor von Bethmann Hollweg addresses the Reichstag, strengthens the belief that Austria has forced the move. For several days the only uncertainty about Germany's move for peace was the method to be used in communicating it to the Allies.

To a great many persons here the Kaiser's latest action has only a meaning which grows clearer with the daily reports of trouble within the German Empire. It is regarded as extremely possible that the Emperor is using his Chancellor's peace speech either to avert or temporarily paralyze the threatened May Day disorders. A peace move coming almost on the eve of the promised strikes would go a long way towards relieving an embarrassing situation. This is the significance to a great many here of Germany's new peace offer.

Austen Chamberlain, in proposing the health of the Lord Mayor of London yesterday, remarked that the end of the struggle was not yet in sight, but that they might hope it would come before the Lord Mayor's term expired at the end of the year. There is no special significance in this, except that it expresses the general sentiment.

Those who have interpreted every report of unrest in Germany and Austria as part of the Prussian game to mislead the Allies are now silent, or admit that the German and Austrian people are really showing signs of dissatisfaction and a desire for peace.

DEATH NOTICE.

At Emergency Hospital, Washington, D. C., May 1st., at 11:30 p. m., GORDON THOMAS, son of the late Robert J. Thomas and Ella Dixon Thomas, in the 42nd year of his age. Interment will be in Cave Hill Cemetery, Louisville, Kentucky, Friday. 105-1t.

Maryland spring chickens at Rammel's cafe.

Mr. and Mrs. William A. Smoot, Sr., left this morning for a week's visit at their farm in King George county.

A meeting of the Automobile Club will be held at 8 o'clock tonight in the Chamber of Commerce rooms, to consider the proposed new traffic regulations.

Louis Glassman, proprietor of a general store at Princess and Henry streets, was taken into custody yesterday afternoon by Officers Roland and Campbell and Sheriff H. W. Field, of Alexandria county, on the alleged charge of larceny of automobile tires in the Potomac freight yards.

At a meeting held Monday night in the Methodist Episcopal Church South in the interest of the Interdenominational Mission to Lepers, an auxiliary to that mission was organized with the following officers: Mrs. William Rogers, president; Mrs. M. W. O'Brien, vice president; Miss A. K. Swain, secretary and Miss M. Williamson, treasurer. After the election of officers Mrs. Landon R. Mason, president of the Richmond Auxiliary, made an interesting and inspiring address.

Mrs. M. Ficklin Echols (pianist) of the Washington Conservatory of Music, Washington, D. C., was heard in recital, at the Conservatory on Wednesday evening, before many music lovers. Mrs. Echols was assisted by Mrs. Isabel Garvin Shelley (soprano) Miss Ladovich (violin), and Mr. Stonehouse (cornet), of the faculty. A very interesting program was given. Among the guests was Dr. Shelby Riley, first cousin of our much loved poet, James Whitcomb Riley. Dr. Riley delightfully entertained those present by several recitations of his own, and James W. Riley's composition.

HIGH WINDS LAST NIGHT

Day Had Been Mild and Springlike, But Overcoats Were in Evidence Soon After Dark.

A fresh southerly wind prevailed during most of yesterday, and the temperature had been what might have been expected on the first of May. But towards the close of the day the wind changed to the north-west and steadily increased in force. Old Boreas roared as is his wont in mid-winter, and it looked as though May as well as April had borrowed from March. The temperature fell considerably during the night, and this morning the air was crisp.

The surmise that hail had fallen somewhere near Alexandria proved correct, as there was a heavy down-pour in Baltimore and vicinity yesterday.

Hailstones three-fourths of an inch in diameter pelted down upon the monumental city yesterday afternoon. The hail poured down at first from a seemingly clear sky. It was like the rattle of shrapnel. The stones were as large as cherries, and they played a rat-a-tat on cars, teams and automobiles. They rolled about the streets, looking like a flood of mothballs. Within another half-minute the rain "broke" sending a deluge and driving everyone to cover. And for the next 15 or 16 minutes the rain dropped in torrents.

There was no accompanying wind and the rain and hailstones fell straight, causing little or no damage to windows. But scores of horses were made frantic by the pelting of the huge hailstones.

The hailstones grew larger and larger each minute, until when they struck the sidewalks and flattened they seemed almost as large as guinea eggs.

Reports from many sections of the city indicated that gardens suffered serious damage from the barrage of hail. Young plants, especially those transplanted from hot boxes, were uprooted and bowled over and general havoc was wrought. Pear, peach and plum blossoms were struck from the trees.

Price of Shaves to go up.

It will cost fifteen cents instead of ten cents to get shaved in the barber shops in this city on and after Monday next, according to an announcement appearing in another column of the Gazette. The high cost of living is given as the reason for the advance.

KILLING OF HETH TEUTONS ARE RESTLESS

Professor Vawter's Lawyer Recites Story of the Defense in the Vawter Case.

Christiansburg, Va., May 2.—A wife unfaithful by her own confession, a friend of the house who forced drink upon her to gain his ends, a husband who forgave till goaded to fury and a killing—all these were disclosed yesterday in the sensational trial of Prof. Charles E. Vawter for first degree murder. The case began here in the Montgomery County Court. Vawter is charged with shooting Stockton Heth, Jr., while Heth, a younger and larger man, was a guest at the Vawter home in Blacksburg.

Kept secret till the jury box was filled, the statement before the county bail commissioner made by Vawter's attorney, William H. Colhoun, was the bombshell of the day. That Stockton Heth had been intimate with beautiful, dashing Mrs. Vawter and that the husband knew it was one of the allegations. Another was that Young Heth's motor car and free urging of intoxicants upon the Vawters were potent drives against the sanctity of the professor's household.

This is the first public knowledge of what happened in the professor's house at the Virginian Polytechnic Institute when Heth received three bullets in his abdomen, dying two days later. On the night of the slaying, March 13 last, Vawter, his lawyer declares, saw his wife slip from their bedroom and enter the one opposite, occupied by Heth, who, the lawyer went on, had outraged his home. Then Vawter took a revolver, knowing Heth's superior strength, and accosted the wife. A struggle followed between the two. The statement continues:

"Vawter told her that if she would return to her room he would explain why he had the revolver, even to the point that he proposed to give her the pistol, but desisted only because she threatened to take her life, admitting thereby that she had been in illicit intercourse with Heth."

Then came the killing. As the attorney told the commission. "While Vawter grappled with his wife near the head of the steps, the electric lights were turned off and Heth appeared. Without a word grabbed Vawter with both hands around the throat and proceeded to choke him until his breath was about gone."

"Thus attacked, believing the sanctity of his home invaded and outraged after repeated promises by Heth to desist," the statement runs, "and believing that his wife was endangered, Vawter pulled the trigger, as he thought, twice, but it seems to have been three times, which caused the death of the deceased. After this the wife threw herself upon the body of the wounded man and exclaimed: 'No, it is my fault.'"

BOMB WRECKS VILLAGE.

Dropped on Zierikzee by Airship of Unknown Nationality.

London, May 2.—Bombs were dropped by an airplane Sunday night on Zierikzee, in the Dutch province of Zeeland, says a dispatch from The Hague. Three persons were killed and much material damage was done, the message states.

The Hague, May 2.—The Telegraaf of Amsterdam states that the bombs which were dropped on Zierikzee did such extensive damage that the village is in ruins, more than 100 houses being smashed or damaged. A terrible panic prevailed in the town, says the newspaper, intensified by the play of the searchlight operated by the airmen.

It is declared that the bombs were not dropped by mistake, the Telegraaf adds, but were purposely launched. The nationality of the airplane has not been established.

Advices from Sluyskil state that last evening two German airplanes appeared above Hasvengent and disappeared in a southwesterly direction.

Millinery Reduction.

We will sell our remaining spring stock at greatly reduced prices. Mrs. J. Hayes, 915 King street. 104-2t.

Fish, Clams, Oysters, Crabs, at Phone 307J. J. BRILL No. 2 King St.

Increasing Disaffection Among Munitions Employees. State Department Learns.

Convincing evidence of growing disaffection among the workers in German munition factories, with indications that food riots may lead to rebellion in various parts of the empire was contained in authoritative dispatches which reached the State Department last night.

Organized workers in German factory towns have risen in determined protest against German methods of food distribution and are crying defiance because class distinctions set up by the German authorities have led to intense suffering and actual want among the working masses.

Part of the German press has swung into line behind the German munition worker's cause. One of the most influential German newspapers, the Vossische Zeitung, in its issue of April 26, published a letter addressed to the German minister of war by the general committee of labor societies with reference to the recent strike in various German munition plants, severely scoring the autocratic injustice practiced by officials upon the poorer classes. The State Department received the text of the workers' defiance to the war minister. The communication said in part:

"The idea of stopping work at least to such an extent could not have gained ground if dissatisfaction had not existed among the working classes, the chief cause of which is the insufficient regulations for the distribution of food. The food is consumed by persons who are not giving their whole force to the defense of their country."

Another State Department cablegram from abroad recited how the important Berliner Tageblatt editorially arraigned the despotic influences which have held the German people under the yoke of the feudal lords and warmly defended the forces that are setting themselves up against special class privileges. A copy of this editorial in the department's possession stated:

"The feudal system of holding land by herity is an inheritance from the time of the humiliation of the German people. This was in order to maintain the brilliance of certain families at the cost of the majority. The German people in the course of the last twenty-five years have raised themselves and they now possess a commercial force and general culture more than sufficient to govern themselves and to furnish their own leadership."

"All the rightly directed impetus of the present time as well as the growing intelligence and increasing capacity, and last, but not least, the ever stronger driving power of democracy manifested in the present generation, all these forces are setting themselves up against special class privileges. The basic principle of equal suffrage for Prussia should be laid as soon as possible, and this will form the preliminary condition upon which all further reforms will rest."

WILL TRAIN AT QUANTICO

Camp on Site Leased by Navy to be Ready in Six Weeks.

Within six weeks a training camp to house probably 5,000 marines and sailors undergoing intensive training will be completed on the large tract leased by the Navy Department at Quantico.

The Navy Department has made definite plans for this and similar camps to be established at suitable locations. One will be at San Diego, Cal., and probably several in the vicinity of Long Island.

The camp at Quantico will be ready in six weeks to house and train the men, and will be enlarged from time to time. Wooden barracks will be used, as it has been found they are cheaper than tents and more readily provided.

It is said that the Navy Department will urge that funds be allowed to purchase the Jameson exposition grounds also, as more camps must be established from time to time.

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